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JANUARY B.E.E.P. COVERS SIDEWALKS

***Focus of Bylaw Enforcement Education Plan,
Extension Cords, Snow Removal***

Medicine Hat – For the month of January the Bylaw Enforcement Education Plan (B.E.E.P.) will be focusing on extension cords and snow removal on sidewalks.

"City of Medicine Hat Bylaw 1556 requires the owner or occupant of a property to clear away snow, ice, dirt or other obstruction from an adjoining sidewalk within twenty-four hours after it's been deposited or formed on the sidewalk", says Fred Crittenden, Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. "Failing to clear snow from public sidewalks can result in fines of \$100 to \$10,000."

Violators may also be responsible for the cost of subsequent removal of the ice or snow from the sidewalk. It is important to remember that only snow from the public sidewalk can be placed on the roadway. Snow from private property must stay on that property.

The second focus for the B.E.E.P. program in January is extension cords that lie across public sidewalks.

"Although it is important in ensuring your car starts on cold winter mornings, extension cords must be placed no less than eight feet above the sidewalk to ensure they are not a tripping hazard to pedestrians," says Crittenden. "Fines for violations of this section of the bylaw can also range from \$100 up to \$10,000."

If you have questions related to this or any other bylaw enforcement issue or for more information on the B.E.E.P. program contact Fred Crittenden, Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement at 529-8436.

To report Bylaw violations please call the complaints line at 529-8481.

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